

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above-identified patent application has been amended and reconsideration and re-examination are hereby requested.

With regard to the Examiner's retest for a new Abstract and title it is respectfully pointed out that the title and Abstract are consistent with the claims. Reconsideration is hereby requested.

Claim 1 points out that each one of the directors is coupled to a corresponding one of the plurality of crossbar switches and wherein the corresponding one of the plurality of crossbar switches is directly connected to at least two other ones of the plurality of crossbar switches and indirectly connected to of other ones of the crossbar switches through *the* at least two directly connected crossbar switches. It is respectfully submitted that US Patent Application publication US 2002/0093270 does not describe an arrangement wherein the corresponding one of the plurality of crossbar switches is directly connected to at least two other ones of the plurality of crossbar switches and indirectly connected to of other ones of the crossbar switches through *the* at least two directly connected crossbar switches/

It should be noted that application No. 10/675,038 is abandoned and therefore the provisional rejection on grounds of obviousness doubles patenting is no longer applicable.

In the event a petition for extension of time is required by this paper and not otherwise provided, such petition is hereby made and authorization is provided herewith to charge deposit account No. 05-0889 for the cost of such extension.

In the event any additional fee is required, please charge such amount to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 05-0889.

Respectfully submitted,

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